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Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CODGERS RUN – ORGANISED BY PETE</b> Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN4/23
<b>MAY</b>	<b>2023</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CLUB MEETING – THE CROSSROADS HOTEL CASULA</b> General Meeting starts @7.30pm, All Welcome, Bistro opens from 5pm if you wish to have some dinner before the meeting.	CM4/23
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> -Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MEATSTOCK BBQ WARS – SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK HOMEBUSH</b> REGISTER ON-LINE @www.meatstock.com.au/Sydney go to Rods N Rumble.	CE5/23
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>GENERAL MOTORS DISPLAY DAY – THE MUSEUM OF FIRE PENRITH</b> Gates open at 8am Cost is \$20.00 per vehicle.	CE6/23
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CODGERS RUN</b> Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN5/23
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>2023</b>	
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Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CODGERS RUN</b> Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN6/23

## PLEASE NOTE:

*DUE TO COVID 19, SOME EVENTS MAYBE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED, PLEASE CHECK OUR ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDER, FOR ALL OUR MAJOR EVENTS.*

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JULY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	CHRISTMAS IN JULY (CONTACT – MANDY 0409-668-341)
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AUGUST 20 <sup>TH</sup>	CMC SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC- EASTERN CREEK
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OCTOBER 5 <sup>TH</sup> -8 <sup>TH</sup>	BATHURST
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OCTOBER 27 <sup>TH</sup> -29 <sup>TH</sup>	CHROMEFEET – THE ENTRANCE
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## MESSAGE FROM THE

# President



G'Day Corvetters,

Well just about to set off on our way to Ballarat Nationals. Unfortunately, not with my Corvette. a broken accelerator cable stopped that. I broke it going to the north coast codgers run. I managed to fix it with a cable tie, and that got me all the way home.

I won't see most of you for a while as Rhonda and I are going on our extended holiday - we will be back around the 1st June.

A big thank you to Cathy for filling in for me chairing the meetings and the rest of the committee for carrying the extra weight.

### TRIVIA:

1954 produced 3,640 cars. Production moves to St Louis; exterior colours Blue, Red and Black are added. Top colour-beige is added and longer tailpipes.

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Everything that we know about the first production 1953 Corvette VIN 001 may have been wrong, and in fact, the car may have been rediscovered thanks to some quality detective work by early Corvette enthusiasts Corey Peterson, John Amgwert, and others. Corey recently went public with details about the find and why he thinks the car they found is really the VIN 001 1953 Corvette.

The quick history about the first production Corvettes is that VIN 001 and 002 were driven off the line, and they were promptly destroyed in tests by Chevy engineering. VIN 003 was also an engineering test car and at one point, the frame was separated from the body and ended up as the chassis for a 1955 model. A special 1953 cut-away car was created by restoration expert Kevin MacKay with that frame, and it's on display at the NCM today.

In the video released by Corey, he presents information about those early cars, and says that VIN 001 was given an internal Chevy engineering number of 3950 and VIN 002 was named 3951. After requesting documents on those 39XX engineering cars from the Heritage Center, Corey found that VIN 001 was shown to another group of engineers about a week after its completion and from that, a list of 22 line items to improve various aspects of the car was generated.

In additional work orders surrounding VIN 001 (3950), it appears the car was also used as a test bed for making those engineering improvements, and some of these features are still on the car today. Seeing these new work orders jogged a conversation Corey had previously with another Corvette researcher going back 10 to 15 years ago about a 1953 Corvette that had been left years ago at a restoration shop in Oklahoma.

In 1987, several enthusiasts discovered the VIN 003 Corvette and brought it to a restoration shop in Oklahoma. Once the car was finished, another 1953 Corvette owner from the East Coast reached out to the same shop so they could perform a restoration for his car. Corey does say that the owner believed it was the VIN 002 car at the

time. Initial work was started on the car, but the car's owner never came up with the cash, so it was pushed to one side and eventually it would be there for nearly 20 years.

Corey says that several prominent Corvette researchers visited the car in Oklahoma as they tried to figure out why it had a number of unique features, but it was the work orders that helped to bring it into focus. Corey explains that one of those 22 line items said the car lacked "knee room," which is the distance the steering wheel and the seat, and apparently it was a tight fit in that first Corvette. A work order was issued to lower seat bolsters and "Free 'A' Point lowered 3/4s of an inch," which saw the floorboards where the seats are mounted lowered 3/4s of an inch. The Corvette in Oklahoma had sections of the floorboard cut out and it was lowered 3/4s of an inch. Another work order detailed the fuel door assembly which was redesigned and then it was fitted on the Oklahoma car. That was a key find according to Corey as it reconciled why the early car had the fuel door box that came later on the 1954 Corvettes.



At this point, the car had now been stored at the Oklahoma restoration shop for 20 years, and the shop owner hadn't spoken with the 1953 Corvette's owner in 15-18 years.

Corey says the shop owner said he wasn't even sure if the guy was still alive today. Corey asks if he can reach out to the car's owner and called the guy up one day. Corey reminds him of the 1953 Corvette at Lloyd Miller's shop in Tulsa, and offered to help the car's owner to complete the restoration. At the mention of Lloyd's name, the '53s owner asks, "is Lloyd still alive?" to which Corey replied, "Lloyd was wondering if you were still alive."

Corey then had his opening and offered to buy the car from the owner, and eventually they were able to come to an agreement. Corey now is the car's official owner and says he ran a background check that showed it had never been listed as stolen, nor had the VIN number been involved in any court cases. Finally, the background check showed the car's MSO (Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin) was indeed triggered by Chevrolet.

Source: CorvetteBlogger.com. Posted 10/3/23

It feels like the eighth-generation Corvette just arrived, but it's been three years since the mid-engine icon landed. Since then, we've seen the Z06 and E-Ray variants, but the rumor mill's already churning about the ninth-generation car (C9), which GM Authority said is scheduled for debut in 2029.

The publication's sources say the C9 Corvette will debut in 2028 as a 2029 model. GM's Ultium platform is flourishing under several new EVs, but the C9 won't move to the electrified architecture. It will instead get a modified version of the Y2 platform from the current car. Production will continue at the Corvette's ancestral home in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



Interestingly, the C9 won't share much with the rumored Corvette EV and SUV, which are expected to arrive as EVs. The next-gen Corvette will continue with internal combustion power. In the meantime, Chevy has a few other variants planned for the Corvette, which GM Authority outlines as higher-performance models.

A Corvette ZR1 is expected to arrive in the next few years with a twin-turbocharged V8 and upwards of 850 horsepower. The fourth variant will be the Corvette Zora will build on the ZR1's twin-turbo drivetrain with hybrid power. GM Authority notes the Zora as the last C8 variant, so it will be interesting to see what Chevy does with the platform.

The Corvette sub-brand is expected to launch in 2025. GM Boss Mark Reuss hinted at the Ultium-based vehicles, the first of which will be a sedan and a crossover. There is little other information available other than a report with speculation on the vehicles' output. The performance EVs are said to bring 800-volt architecture, two-speed transmissions, four-wheel steering, and torque vectoring. If they retain any of the actual Corvette's spirit, the new models could be a hit. Ford made a similar move with the Mustang Mach-E, and once the initial rabble-rousing died down, people realized it was a legitimate performance vehicle in its own right.

Check it out - Source: Chris Teague - AutoBlog Posted 27/1/23

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Hi everyone, hope you are well.

At the time the magazine goes into print, our National Corvette Convention in Ballarat will be in progress. Hope everyone relaxes and enjoys everything Ballarat has to offer. Drive safely everyone.

Not much else to add this month, please check the calendar for all up and coming events. See you all at the next meeting.

Cheers

*Gathy*



## Secretary's Report - Belinda

**HI CAR CLUBBERS,**



Another month has passed, and a lot has happened. We as a club have been involved in the Driver Parade at the V8 Supercars in Newcastle, had a most fabulous weekend away in Nelson's Bay. Some of our members enjoyed a road trip to Ballarat to the National Corvette convention.

Discussions have started around the next Corvette Convention, which is to be held in NSW. The final decision on when it will be held were to be discussed at the Presidents meeting at the convention.

A vote was held at last months meeting regarding the frequency of the magazine and a vote was taken, that going forward, the NSW Corvette magazine will be printed and distributed bi-monthly. This decision was a financial one and will help to keep membership fees down.

Again, if anyone is interested in displaying their vehicle at the Easter show on the Friday the 14th April and receive 4 entry tickets.

**Anniversaries ... 30 Years - April**

**RAY SMITH**



**30 Years - May**

**JEAN COX**

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# TO THE SAILING CLUB ON GOSFORD BROADWATER

On another Autumn day giving us a late burst of Summer, the Codgers met at Bateau Bay.

We heard the news that President Jeff had almost made it to the starting line when the accelerator cable in his Vette parted company and so he had to abandon plans and work with the NRMA to get the car moving and home to prepare for the trip to the Nationals at Ballarat. We look forward to catching up there.

We were joined for the first time by Kerrie and Peter Middleton from Medowie. They had a fair way to come so we hope that our cruise and the people they met made it a worthwhile day for them. Our coffee stop was at a new venue in the newly refurbished Quarters Resort and there were some worries about parking space but with Rob's help this was quickly resolved and we were soon settled under the umbrellas and enjoying the company and the coffee.

It was also lovely to have a visit from Dave and Sandy Jarrett and to also catch up with Rob and Kim Sloan before Rob whisked Kim away for a special Birthday Date.

I'm not sure whether it was the coffee or some of the staff that caught Stuart's eye but he told me at least three times how good the coffee was so I think he wants me to put the place on the map for another stop sometime.

From 'Forries', as the locals call it, we had an uneventful cruise to the waterfront at Gosford where our booking was all ready for us so we settled in to enjoy the aircon and the views over Brisbane Water while we chatted away and ate lunch.

The April cruise will be on Thursday 20th April so mark your calendars. I hope to have something worked out when we return home after the Nationals.

Hope to see you cruising in your vette soon.

Cheers,

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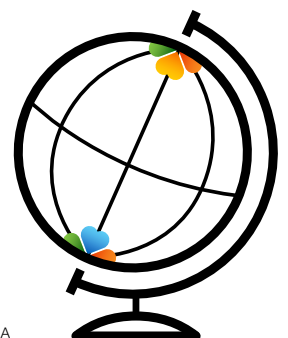


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# Born in April

Those born in April are passionate and creative by nature. Often outgoing, they love attention and make encouraging and loyal friends with a great sense of humor.

Gem of the month is diamond/clear crystal

**Happy Birthday April Babies!**

**Garry TOMSETT**  
**Robert FITZSIMMONS**  
**Belinda FORD**  
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For the 1st time they were also holding a car display on the grounds and a group of hearty Vette owners decided to park up at 5.30am on the Saturday. Thanks to Mark Davies, Darrell Landrebe, Graeme Jennings, Les Kernya & Richard Thomas for parking up on the day - your cars looked amazing.

The Drivers parade on Sunday started at the same healthy living time of 5.30am, I am concerned at how many of the drivers told me that this is their normally waking time..... The 3 car clubs were quickly corralled into the driver order required and we headed into the park-up area as we waited for our call up. The coffee van adjacent to us had their best sales day ever as the apparently early rises needed a caffeine fix!. After 3 hours we were told to start our engines and head into pit lane to pick up our drivers and after a nervous over-heating wait, we finally got going on our lap around the Newcastle street track.

The Vettes were well received, the drivers got loud cheers from the crowd and my driver, James Golding came in 4th, his best finish, must have been my hype chat as we drove around the track!!

Thanks to all involved and I can't wait to do Eastern Creek and Bathurst.

Great news to pass on, T Tops are allowed so that will allow many more of our members to be able to experience a drivers parade!!!

See you on the road soon

**Michael**

## **Newcastle Supercars** -By Michael Stocker

***What an amazing weekend!***









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Meeting Minutes  
First Tuesday every month



## I. **Call to order 7.30pm**

Roll call – 36 members present

Apologies – Brian Mitchell, Vicki Micallef, Simon Smith, Ed Maszluch, Ray Smith.

Matters arising from the Previous Minutes: Nil

## a) **Presidents Report: - Jeff Wilson**

When attending the meetings please ensure you register in the registration book clearly.

Going forward, I am going to add a regular article to the magazine on the History of the Corvette.

Additional communications are in the magazine.

## b) **Vice Presidents Report: - Cathy Tullock**

Not much to say, only that the Nelson Bay weekend was a fantastic weekend, such a well-organised event. The coming together of both new and seasoned club members.

A big thankyou to Mandy and Paul.

## c) **Secretary's Report: - Belinda Ford**

Separate article in the Magazine. Secretary Report.

## d) **Treasurer's Report: - Doug Ford**

Report is in the magazine.

Term deposit account at time of roll over will reinvest \$40,000, the balance of \$1,411.04 to be moved to the everyday account.

- The CMC Affiliation paid
- CAMS Insurance paid
- Deposit for the Christmas in July - \$500
- Deposit to Organising club for the Convention - \$500

## e) **Historic Registration: - Jorge Vazquez**

Was out and about with renewal of H Plates and new members wanting H-Plates.

Current members on H-Plates 73.

When requesting club rego, please make sure you have Pink slip and Historic Declaration.

## f) **Stock Controller: - Vicki Micallef**

was sick, however, stock is as follows,

I have stock of the items below:

- Sloppy Joe's - \$40
- Polo's: - \$35
- Ladies Tops: - \$20
- Caps: - \$15

We will be looking for a new supplier of our shirts as Maurie will do a final run for the club, however, he has decided to hang up his printing press.

g) Technical Adviser – No

h) Events – Mandy Caprin

## **Past Events**

There was a car show at Berrima,

Cars, and Coffee, a great mix of cars and it is held the last Sunday of the Month.

## **Coming Events**

Christmas in July venue has been booked and deposit paid.

Deposit of funds requires surname and X-mas.

Driver Parade @ V8 Supercars, Newcastle.

BREAK 7.54 PM

### **General Business**

If you have any suggestion or ideas regarding the Convention, below are the Project points we need to start. The next annual Corvette Convention is to be held in NSW.

- Venue
- Accommodation (approx. 100 room capacity)
- Show & Shine
- Suggested run
- Presentation Dinner.

Annual Show & Shine – we will start to look for a venue. Any suggestions?

To reduce overheads, a vote was put to floor at the meeting:

A motion was carried: Move the club magazine to a bi-monthly distribution.

The magazine will now be distributed, June, August, October, December, February & April.

We are looking for some fresh ideas for club runs, if you have any ideas, or wish to organise, please advise.

RAFFLE – \$120.00

Paul Tullock, Wayne Fisher, George – potential member, Mandy Caprin, Colin Cefai, Joe Farrugia  
Rhonda Wilson

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

## **From the Trea\$ury**

I won't bore you with more on the Investment Account, only to say that between me writing this and our next meeting, the Account will have matured and hopefully I've negotiated a new higher interest rate period. I'll confirm our progress at next months meeting.

Just a quick review of Jan's trading, basically the month opened at \$4,744.58. one debit of \$20, and two credits for new members Jennings \$100 and Ficker \$100. closing at \$4,924.58 - thus Feb opens at \$4,924.58, one credit of \$90, but nine Debits totalling \$4,016.96 - Closing at \$997.62. These debits are outlined below.

Vicky Raffles \$43.25. R.Wilson Flowers \$95. Cruise Deposit \$804. Mag Print \$880. Mag Post \$157.71 and Nationals Donation \$500. CMC Affil \$120. CAMs Affil \$1,397.00 and \$20 Acct fee.

I also have cash of \$761.00 which will be banked as soon as possible, but Mar has already debited \$1,184.59 plus the P.O Box renewal of \$224 to be paid by 31st Mar'23 and credits of \$710. By the time I've rolled over the Invest Acct etc we will cover Aprils mag & postage costs and I'll be waiting for May's renewals to start coming in. All Mag advertising has been slipped to allow for Fin Year accounts, therefore these invoices should roll off the press ASAP. The only Advertisers not changed are our U.S supporters who will remain on their current billing timetable.

Any questions or quieries please don't hesitate to ring, text or email me. Also if you have any suggestions or ideas please let me know.

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